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SUBJECT: INFCE WORKING GROUP 4, SUB-GROUP A, MEETING OF  
MARCH 30-31, 1978

1. FRG DELEGATION PROVIDED THE PAPER ON THE BASE CASE  
REPROCESSING PLANT REQUESTED BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT.  
PAPER TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING IN TOKYO, MAY 15.

2. SIX PAPERS BY U.S. WERE ACCEPTED BY WG-4: COVER  
LETTERS AND REPORTS NUREG-0002, ERDA-76-121, FORD  
FOUNDATION REPORT, AND APS REPORT ON REPROCESSING AND  
WASTE MANAGEMENT, PLUS TWO PAPERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT FACTORS. REFERENCE LETTER OF  
MARCH 24, 1978, TO WG-4 CO-CHAIRMAN FROM U.S. DELEGATION.

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3. IAEA REPORT "REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS"  
ACCEPTED BY WG-4, TO BE DISCUSSED AT TOKYO MEETING.

4. SEVERAL PAPERS PROVIDED BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT.  
PAPER INFCE/WG4/17(A,B) "REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN ENERGY  
SUPPLIES UTILIZING URANIUM RESOURCES IN VARIOUS FUEL  
CYCLES" VERY CONTROVERSIAL. PROBLEMS WITH PAPER INCLUDE

LACK OF COORDINATION WITH WG-1 AND WG-3, ARBITRARY AND UNREALISTIC CASE SELECTION, AND PRECONCEIVED CONCLUSIONS. ATTEMPT BY CHAIR TO SOLICIT WORKING GROUP APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT WAS QUICKLY ENDORSED BY FRANCE, GERMANY, UK, SWITZERLAND AND JAPAN. OBJECTIONS BY U.S. AND INDIA RESULTED IN AGREEMENT TO REVISE DOCUMENT AND FOR DISCUSSION OF REVISED PAPER TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL TOKYO MEETING. U.S. COMMENTS BEING PREPARED FOR FORMAL TRANSMISSION TO CHAIR WERE ORALLY TRANSMITTED TO WG-4 TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

5. PAPER INFCE/WG4/16(A,B) "THE OCCURRENCE OF PLUTONIUM AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE FUEL CYCLE" TABLED BY TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT WAS ALSO RETURNED TO SECRETARIAT FOR UPGRADING. TECHNICAL ASPECTS WERE INADEQUATE AND IMPLICATIONS REGARDING PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE WERE NOT ENDORSED. PAPER TO BE DISCUSSED AT TOKYO MEETING.

6. PAPER INFCE/WG4/20(A) BY TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT IS A SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO NATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRES ON REPROCESSING. NEW QUESTIONNAIRE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CHANGE IN FORMAT.

7. CHAIRMAN OF WG-4A CONTINUES TO TAKE POSITION THAT COORDINATION WITH OTHER WORKING GROUPS IS TOO SLOW AND UNCLASSIFIED

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UNNECESSARY TO ACHIEVE HIS OBJECTIVES FOR WG-4.

8. WALTER MARSHALL'S GLASGOW LECTURE "NUCLEAR POWER AND THE PROLIFERATION ISSUES" WAS DISTRIBUTED AND OFFERED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE TOKYO MEETING. THIS PAPER WAS FORMALLY TABLED TO WG-5.

9. A PROBLEM EXISTS REGARDING TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS TO THE U.S. DELEGATION PRIOR TO MEETING. EXAMPLE IS INFCE/WG4/17(A,B) WHICH SOME OTHER PARTICIPANTS HAD IN HAND AND WERE READY TO APPROVE, BUT U.S. DELEGATION HAD NOT SEEN, AND MISSION RECEIVED ONLY AFTERNOON MARCH 31. (SEE ITEM 4.) THIS IS NOT THE ONLY INSTANCE OF THIS TYPE AND THE MISSION IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE DELAYS IN AVAILABILITY AND SHIPMENT ON THE VIENNA END. SUGGEST THAT PROCEDURES IN WASHINGTON ALSO BE REVIEWED TO ENSURE THERE IS NO DELAY IN DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS WHEN RECEIVED IN DOE. IN THE FUTURE, FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME, WE WILL KEEP A RECORD OF WHEN INFCE DOCUMENTS LEAVE THE MISSION VIA AIR POUCH AND SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON RECORD DATE WHEN DOCUMENTS ARRIVE, BEGINNING WITH INFCE/WG.4/17(A,B), WHICH WILL BE

IN AIR POUCH LEAVING VIENNA ON MARCH 31. LABOWITZ

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